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Mr. David Waddell, Executive Secretary
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RE: UTSE Motion for Extension of Time to
File a Payphone-Specific Cost Study
Docket No. 97-00409

Dear Mr. Waddell:

Enclosed are an original and thirteen copies of the Motion of United Telephone-Southeast, Inc. for an extension of time to file a payphone-specific cost study as directed by the Tennessee Regulatory Authority in its Directors' Conference held December 19, 2000.

Please bring this matter to the attention of the Directors.

Very truly yours,


James B. Wright

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE; DOCKET 97-00409
(Pay Telephone Service Reclassification)

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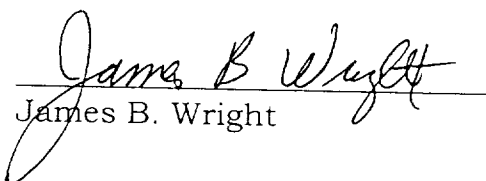
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BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

All Telephone Companies, Tariff Filings)	
Regarding Reclassification of Pay)	Docket No. 97-00409
Telephone Service as Required by)	
FCC Order 96-439)	

UTSE MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

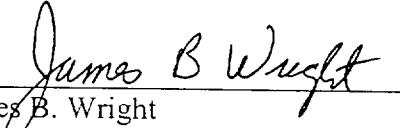
United Telephone-Southeast, Inc. ("UTSE") hereby requests the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("TRA") for an extension of time to file a payphone-specific cost study as directed by the TRA in its Directors' Conference held December 19, 2000. UTSE requests an extension of time to March 6, 2001 in order to complete its payphone cost study.

UTSE originally filed a payphone embedded cost study and supported that study throughout Docket No. 97-00409. On December 19, 2000, UTSE was directed to file a payphone-specific cost study consistent with the methodology adopted for BellSouth and Citizens by February 2, 2001. [Directors' Conference Transcript at p. 19].

UTSE does not have an existing payphone study that would comply with the TRA directive and cannot complete a payphone-specific cost study consistent with the methodology adopted for BellSouth and Citizens within the 46 day time-frame allotted by the TRA. UTSE is starting from square one in developing a new payphone cost study in Tennessee in many respects. Although UTSE has a forward-looking methodology in place, UTSE needs adequate time to update certain elements within its cost models and time to utilize the results to produce a payphone-specific, forward-looking cost study. Thus, UTSE requests additional time to file an accurate, current payphone-specific cost study.

Wherefore, UTSE asks that it be granted an extension of time to March 6, 2001 to file a payphone specific cost study.

Respectfully Submitted,
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